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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As I have said before, the report is before the Government and we are considering it. If the Government feel that they ought to get information on this matter, we shall certainly do so."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answers to clauses (d) and (e) of my question, the answer is 'the Government see no reason to suppose that the Indian members of the force are, generally speaking, underpaid.' May I know what are the grounds on which the Government have come to this conclusion that the Indian members are not underpaid? May I know the grounds on which they have come to such conclusion?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Because we have received no representations to the effect till now."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Does Government undertake, in case they get representations from Indian members of the police force, to ask the Commissioner of Police to enquire?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is a hypothetical question."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether the Police force threatened to strike some time back if their pay was not increased?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—I am not aware of it."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if the subordinate members of the police staff are permitted to make representations in their collective capacity?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice, Sir."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" In the answer it is stated that the Government see no reason to suppose that the Indian members of the force are generally speaking, underpaid. Have they come to that conclusion after carefully examining the question or is it simply their supposition?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is not a supposition, but a matter of fact."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, Sir, on what basis that 'matter of fact' is based, apart from the absence of representation?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Taking into consideration what salary we give to such men in other services."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Does Government seriously consider that the pay of the ordinary constable or head constable is sufficient or a living wage under present conditions?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been answered."

Proposals for the reorganization of the Madras City Police.

*760-D Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the reorganization proposals of the Commissioner of Police are calculated to relieve the Commissioner of all direct charge of every department now under him and of a good deal of traffic work; and

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(*b*) whether it is one of the proposals before the Government that the Commissioner need not be paid any special allowances for inspection of motor buses?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not prepared to disclose at present the details of the proposals now under their consideration.

Present pay of Sergeants and Sub-Inspectors.

*760-E *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the pay recommended by the Police Commission of 1902 for Sergeants and Sub-Inspectors in Madras and other places;

(*b*) what is the pay that they now actually draw; and

(*c*) whether the minimum pay of the Sub-Inspectors is less than what was fixed in 1902?

A.—(*a*) The Police Commission of 1902–03 recommended pay for Sergeants and Sub-Inspectors as follows:—

Sergeants—Rs. 80—5/2—110 in Madras and Rs. 80, 90, 100 in the mufassal.

Sub-Inspectors—Rs. 75, 100, 125 in Madras and Rs. 50, 60, 70, 80 in the mufassal.

(*b*)

Madras City.	Mufassal.
Sergeants.	
Rs. 110, 122½, 135 and 1 on Rs. 145	Rs. 100, 112½, 125
Sub-Inspectors.	
Rs. 85, 100, 125, 135, 150.	Rs. 60, 75, 100, 110, 125.

(*c*) No.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Do the Government consider that the duties of sergeants are more onerous than those of Sub-Inspectors?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"They have different duties to discharge."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know how they are different?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I want notice in order to give exact details of their work."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to say whether the sergeants come on duty only after sun-set and before sunrise?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

Proposed pay of Sergeants and Sub-Inspectors.

*760-F *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what is the proposed pay for Sergeants and Sub-Inspectors under the contemplated scheme of Mr. Cunningham for the mufassal and for the City?